

In late 2007, Research Australia commenced a major initiative to enhance connections between the philanthropic and the health & medical research communities.

In September 2009 the Hon. Mark Butler, Parliamentary Secretary for Health launched the Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit: Giving to Health & Medical Research.

Research Australia aims to help build the community's interest in philanthropy, and to make it easier to find out what, where and how to make a difference. The toolkit provides a ready point of reference, particularly for those who give, and their advisers, to help them find the project that best fits with their personal or corporate interests.

Giving to health and medical research often isn't as easy as it should be.

Many Australians take the view that it's too hard, and that at the end of the day, they leave it to governments to fund medical research. It's true that most research is government funded, but that shouldn't absolve us as individuals, to contribute to such a vital cause.

Philanthropy is ideally suited to some specific research areas – a scholarship to a bright young researcher who has just completed a PhD and wishes to explore a novel idea that is unlikely to attract funding from mainstream sources. Perhaps a grant for a study visit to an overseas laboratory or conference, perhaps a grant to purchase the latest software or equipment.

Research Australia can also help through our newly established 'Linkage Program', which aims to match givers and research projects in effective partnership arrangements.

We invite all of you to take advantage of Research Australia's services, as a gateway to the researchers in our universities and research institutes.

Together we can build new knowledge, better ways to prevent and treat diseases, and contribute to a healthier future for ourselves and future generations.

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Dr. Noel Chambers

Building philanthropic support for health and medical research has some unique challenges.

Unlike an orchestral concert or art exhibition, beneficiaries and donors rarely come together and mutually share the rewards.

Delivering better health through medical research is a longer term accomplishment. The benefits can be forever lasting, extend beyond international borders and assist not only the underprivileged but humanity in general.

Recipients and donors seldom meet and commercial pathways are often a valid pathway contributing to the delivery of safe and effective new treatments, diagnostics and improved clinical practices.

New philanthropists want to make a difference, become involved and wish to measure performance. Researchers will increasingly need to articulate; community benefits, project deliverables and outcomes.



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Priority-driven Collaborative
Cancer Research Scheme

The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is Cancer Australia's annual national research project grant scheme which brings together funders of cancer research to fund cancer research in identified priority areas.

From the 2007 and 2008 rounds of the PdCCRS, Cancer Australia and its Funding Partners have funded a total of 66 research project grants totalling over \$25 million. There are grant applications that are considered important that cannot be supported.

Cancer Australia is working with Research Australia's Philanthropy Section to seek additional funding opportunities for these cancer research grants. Such research applications will be included on Research Australia's Research Register and Trusts and Foundations interested in funding cancer research will be provided with research grant information upon permission from the research applicant.

Through this approach Cancer Australia is working in partnership with Research Australia to facilitate funding of high quality cancer research in Australia.

The call for applications for the 2010 round of the PdCCRS will open in December. Application documentation will be made available on the Cancer Australia website when the call for applications opens. (www.canceraustralia.gov.au)

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Macquarie Giving program

Payroll giving

Macquarie Group's payroll giving constitutes an important component of Macquarie's overall staff donation and fundraising program and was established as a way for staff to support not-for-profit organisations simply and easily.

Staff who participate in Macquarie Giving average a monthly \$A115 donation to "deductible gift recipients" in each of the six countries the program operates, through automatic deductions to their pay. Macquarie Group Foundation then also matches all donations to any charity (within certain criteria) made through Macquarie Giving.

This allows charities to receive a regular and reliable stream of income, a useful tool for their long-term planning.

A unique feature of Macquarie Giving is its ability for staff to donate to any charity they choose; this figure currently stands at more than 350. One hundred per cent of the donation also goes directly to the not-for-profit organisations because the Foundation pays all administration fees.

At the end of each financial year staff are then conveniently provided with an annual statement for the total of their payroll donations made throughout the year. (www.macquarie.com/foundation/index.htm)

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Feature

Building A Blueprint for Type 1 Diabetes Research

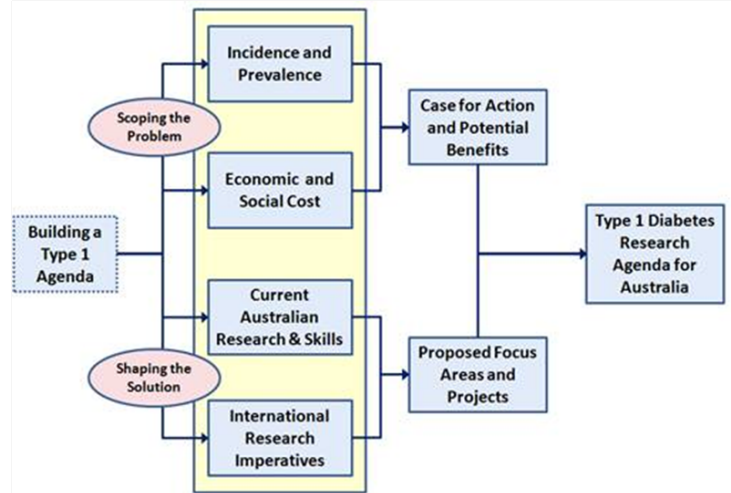
Earlier this year more than 100 Australian diabetes researchers attended the inaugural Australian Type 1 Diabetes Research Directions Workshop, the first of its kind in Australia. They were joined by representatives from key funding and research support bodies including JDRF (who hosted the event), the NHMRC, the Diabetes Australia Research Trust, Australian Diabetes Scientists, and more.

The workshop brought together leading Australian researchers and related stakeholders to start developing a national 'blueprint' for type 1 diabetes research. This blueprint will:

- Identify the unique strengths of Australian research in type 1 diabetes
- Describe Australian goals and priorities in type 1 diabetes research
- Promote the funding and investment needed to further type 1 diabetes research in Australia.

The draft of the agenda will contain an description of the current state in the following key areas:

- 1. Incidence and Prevalence:** An assessment of the presence of type 1 diabetes in Australia
- 2. Economic and Social Cost:** An estimate of the cost of type 1 diabetes to the individual, the wider community and to the health system.
- 3. Current Australian Research & Skills:** Insight from Australian researchers on Australia's world-class skills in diabetes research.
- 4. International Research Imperatives:** An outline of global type 1 diabetes research and directions relevant to Australia's future.



The input from the Australian research community will then enable the description of the needs of the Australian research community to be able to most effectively deliver on Australia's type 1 diabetes research potential.

The process of the development of the agenda is outlined in the diagram below, and a consultative process of drafting and review is underway. The agenda will be published in early 2010. (www.jdrf.org)

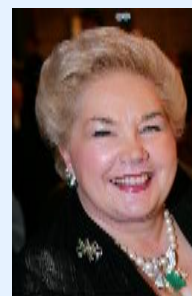
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Philanthropy Profile

Dr. Susan Alberti AO

Finding a cure for type 1 diabetes



From the time Susan Alberti held her infant daughter in her arms until the time Danielle left this world at the age of 32, again in her mother's arms, a commitment to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes was seeded and continues to grow.

Danielle's early death was caused by complications of type 1 diabetes and in spite of the heartbreak, Susan has dedicated endless energy and time to philanthropic endeavors that have led to advances in medical research and real progress towards a cure for type 1 diabetes.

From humble roots Susan Alberti and her husband Angelo built a thriving business in Industrial and Commercial Real Estate developments in Melbourne from the early seventies. In 1981 their daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 12. When first given insulin Danielle asked, "If I take this, will I get better?" Susan says it broke her heart to tell her that would not happen.

The family discovered there were few services available in Australia to support families of children with diabetes, and no funding for diabetes research. In 1982, together with two other mothers with the same goal, Susan began trying to attract researchers to diabetes research. They heard about an American organisation called JDF (as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation JDRF was then called) and Susan attended a conference to learn a more. "We discovered that research money was being raised and distributed around the world. It was inspirational."

Danielle moved to the United States to study, earning a Masters at the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. After graduating, she began exhibiting her art in New York. She was in her late twenties when her health began to deteriorate. "Danielle lost her father Angelo in a tragic motor bike accident with a drug-affected driver and this did not help," Susan recalls. Danielle's eyesight deteriorated and her kidneys began to fail. A midnight phone call reported that the kidney failure was acute, with dialysis needed. Susan discovered that she was a compatible kidney donor and was given the green light from specialists in New York to bring her daughter home for a transplant.

Tragically, just an hour into the final 14-hour flight, Danielle began to experience severe pain. Two doctors on board were unable to save her and she died in her mother's arms of what was later found to be a massive heart attack, brought on by diabetes complications. Susan sat with her lifeless daughter for the next twelve hours when the flight arrived home.

Over time, Danielle's death has strengthened Susan's commitment to find a cure - she is determined that the tragedy should not be in vain. Not only has she personally given JDRF millions of dollars, she has helped raise millions more through fundraising events like the Walk to Cure Diabetes and her Susan Alberti Charitable Foundation Signature Ball. She has served JDRF in many capacities, including sitting on the JDRF International Board for 9 years, as well as a current position on the Board of Chancellors. In 2008 she was awarded the title International Patron and today she is President of the Board of Directors of JDRF Australia. Susan was instrumental in securing \$30 million from the Australian government to fund the Islet Transplantation Program.

But there is always more to be done. "I won't give up until we find a cure for type 1 diabetes," says Susan.

News in Brief

Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit

A single complimentary copy of the RESEARCH AUSTRALIA PHILANTHROPY TOOLKIT: Giving to Health & Medical Research is available to Research Australia members. Copies for non-members are for sale @ \$148.50 incl. GST (plus \$14.95 postage & handling). To download a Toolkit Order Form got to www.researchaustralia.org

Download Media Release by the Parliamentary Secretary for Health's Office from www.researchaustralia.org.

ATO on Revocation of Charitable Status; Good Governance Tools

The Australian Tax Office has released a bulletin on recent reviews of a number of charitable funds, and provides an example of a fund which had its charitable status revoked.

For more information go to www.ato.gov.au.

Private Ancillary Fund Guidelines Released

The final Guidelines for Private Ancillary Funds have been released. The guidelines can be downloaded from [ww.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au).

There is also an explanatory statement which provides some explanation and clarification on the Guidelines. It can be accessed by clicking on the tab reading "ES/SuppMaterial" on the www.comlaw.gov.au site. The final Guidelines contain several differences to the draft version, including abolition of the requirement for PAFs to prepare and maintain a distribution strategy. There is now a 28-day period to provide Parliament with the opportunity to review the Guidelines before finalisation.

New PAF Regulatory Regime

The new regulatory regime governing Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs) commenced 1 October 2009. The ATO will be contacting existing PPFs to advise them of the changes and of the steps they will need to take to transition from a PPF to PAF.

The ATO expects the transition process to take up to 18 months. A Fact Sheet and FAQs are being developed to assist existing PPFs with the transition process.

Giving in the Recession: UK Report

The UK-based Institute for Philanthropy has released a report entitled 'Giving in the Recession' which details ways in which donors can fund strategically during the Global Financial Crisis and the UK recession. The report can be downloaded from www.instituteforphilanthropy.org.

Events

Detail

Canberra Members Briefing

Mon, 26 Oct 2009

1.30pm -2.30pm

John Curtin School of Medical Research, The Australian National University
Building 131 Garran Road Acton, Canberra

Research Australia Annual General Meeting - Sydney

Thu, 12 Nov 2009

Research Australia members are invited to the next Annual General Meeting, 12.00pm - 1.30pm,
384 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney

"Thank You" Day - Melbourne

Fri, 20 Nov 2009

Now in its 7th year, Research Australia's award-winning "Thank You" Day public awareness campaign aims to raise community awareness of the benefits of the benefits of health and medical research, through a national program conducted by Research Australia and its members. Visit www.thankyouday.org

"Thank You" Day Awards 2009 - Melbourne

Fri, 20 Nov 2009

The 2009 "Thank You" Day Awards will take place from 6.30pm at BMW Edge, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne. Tickets are available from www.researchaustralia.org

Funding Opportunities

Summary

Closing Date

Cancer Australia's PDCCRS 2010 Round

Research priorities of Cancer Australia and its funding partners from the 2010 round of the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme will be published on the Cancer Australia web-site by the end of September 2009. The call for applications to the 2010 Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme will open in December 2009.

Visit www.canceraustralia.gov.au

Queensland Health - Senior Clinical Research Fellowships

Funding of up to \$850,000 pa for five years is available to retain and attract researchers to Queensland who are international leaders in their field. Round two of the Senior Clinical Research Fellowships are scheduled to open soon. For more information see:

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ohmr/html/rpu/sen_clin_res_fel.asp

State Trustees Australia Foundation Medical Scholarship - CLOSED

Fri, 9 Oct 2009

This is a charitable grant offered to a Victorian research institution or university to fund a medical PhD scholarship. The funded scholar's research project will investigate breast cancer and may include basic, applied or community health and medical research activities. The student must be commencing their PhD in 2010 and be enrolled full-time.

Want to make a difference to health and medical research?

Research Australia provides strategic guidance, tools and resources to support effective partnerships between health & medical research and philanthropy.

We can help you:

- Develop effective giving strategies that make a difference.
- Find quality research projects that meet your giving needs.
- Review research projects using our expert advisory panel services including scientific review.

For further information please contact Dr. Noel Chambers (03) 9662 9366

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Research Australia's proprietary tools, experience and expertise can help you identify, review and maintain research projects that meet your giving needs. Our personal advisory service, offers confidential, independent and transparent governance procedures linking you with Australia's leading scientists.

Our suite of linkage services can help you by:

- Developing effective giving strategies that make a difference.
- Identifying quality research projects that meet your giving needs.
- Reviewing research projects using our advisory panel whose considerations include scientific merit and community benefit.
- Providing recommendations against alternative research options to assist decision making.
- Assisting with your acquittal processes.
- Delivering administrative efficiencies to grant making programs conducted by established Trusts and Foundations.
- Providing independent and transparent processes to assist in delivering best practice solutions.
- Expanding your networks.

Our services

RAP Linkage Program

Our RAP linkage program is operated through a centrally coordinated unit within Research Australia preserving anonymity for philanthropists and researchers.

Advisory Panel

Research Australia has established an advisory panel to provide expert review of research projects including scientific merit and community benefit. This service is part of the linkage program but may be accessed separately where a grant maker has independently identified a short list of projects for potential funding.

Research Register

The Research Register is managed by Research Australia to facilitate linkages between grant seekers, grant makers and philanthropic service providers. The register is not publically available and assists Research Australia to identify potential research programs that match the criteria provided by grant makers.

Administration

Research Australia can assist organisations with the management of their grant making administration by undertaking this role in a contractual capacity. In particular, this service provides cost savings to smaller organisations where the size of gifts may not justify the resources to manage them in-house.

Toolkit

The Research Australia Philanthropy Toolkit: Giving to Health & Medical Research is an educational resource for grant makers, grant seekers, service providers, corporate entities and the community. Copies will be available for purchase by non members. A free copy of this toolkit is available to our members upon request.

Membership

Research Australia's Medallion members and above are entitled to a discount on our linkage program services. They have access to a member's only area on the Research Australia website and receive invitations to participate in Health & Medical Research Philanthropic roundtables.

For further information please visit our website www.researchaustralia.org or call 03 9662 9366.

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An alliance for discoveries in health

Research Australia is currently seeking a major supporter for the philanthropy initiative.

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